

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
The City University of New York

**COLLEGE COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Everyone attended except:

Mohammad Azhar	Sunil Gupta
Joel Barker	Quintasia Harris
James Blake	Joel Hernandez
Melissa Butler	Deborah Lane
Anson Cheng	Jun Liang Rice
Chizaram Chibueze	Yolanda Medina
Marva Craig	John Montanez
Jason Danison	Emmanuel Paki
Judy Eng	Lisa Rose
Monica Foust	Rifat Salam
Erik Freas	Christopher Shults
Deborah Gambs	Liany Stronconi
Abdoul-Hanane Gbadamassi	Gilles Ghislain Tanke Seulo

- I. Interim President Karrin Wilks called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - A. The January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 College Council Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. INTERIM PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - A. Strategic planning update. (See website)
    1. At last meeting February 13<sup>th</sup> the possibility of revising College mission, addressing a vision statements and drafting values statements for the College was discussed. Those not present then have the opportunity to vote on these points and provide feedback. There were 14 values identified, to vote on 7. A message will be sent on how to vote.
    2. On track to produce the 2020 to 2025 Strategic Plan by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Recommendations due May 15<sup>th</sup>.
    3. BMCC is participating in the Caring Campus Initiative hosted by the Institute for Evidence Based Change. A National initiative involving dozens of colleges including all California's Community Colleges. This is designed for Staff. Staff are coming together to create commitments to behaviors that will improve Student's sense of belonging and engagement over the rest of the semester.

4. The Corona virus panels will be on March 4<sup>th</sup> as opportunities to learn more about what the current situation. There will be a Forum for people to share experiences and concerns. BMCC rejects all discrimination against Asian students and promotes inclusion.
5. BMCC enrollment is down. Of the roll over students from Fall 19 to Spring 20, 4.61% were dismissed compared to 4.5 % the year before, 5.7% graduated compared to previous 5.3%. 3% transferred to CUNY compared to 2.9% previously. Eligibility to enroll was similar at 92% of Fall students. Lower enrollment past Fall impacted results.
6. Potential reasons for lower enrolment are: Higher graduation rate, Higher dismissal rate, cause for concern as is the high probation rate. New proficiency measures may lead students to go to Senior Colleges rather than Community Colleges. First time Freshmen from Spring 2019 were 1065 in remedial courses versus only 296 this Spring. Dramatic decline. Where are this students placed and how well they are doing matters.

Questions/Comments:

- a. In UFS there was a motion to ask Colleges to be prepared for going online and faculty have Blackboard shells. BMCC does have it, instructions will follow, and cabinet will discuss.
- b. Students transferring to 4-year colleges are not having their courses accepted and are forced to re-take classes. It is a recognized issue, BMCC is now a member of Bronx Transfer Affinity Group (BTAG) we must work directly with Colleges.
- c. No update on Budget, there is a lower allocation to Community Colleges based on lower enrolment across the University.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pool hours are restricted due to insufficient use of the pool, more hours could be cut. More should be done to promote use of the pool, to increase student engagement, and to promote the use by the Tribeca Community. Students and faculty are not informed of closures. BMCC no longer has a swim team. 15 to 20k was spent advertising locally in addition to emails to locals and on tv monitors in campus. BMCC does not show on google as an available pool. Community use used to cover lifeguards, they were invited back but had gone else where and expenses are now not covered. Tours suggested of pool and workout area.
2. Paper towels requested in bathrooms. 80K was saved not buying paper towels. Electrical dryers are more sustainable. Safety issue? Research not reliable. Bulk utensils in cafeteria are a much higher contamination risk issue that could be solved with single dispenser.
3. St Patrick's lunch \$25, all money raised is for the Emergency Fund. Entertainment and door prizes.

4. No menstrual product receptacles in male bathrooms. Gender neutral bathrooms not available. Menstrual products should be available at all bathrooms. Currently available at Women's Center and Food Pantry.

V. Interim President Wilks adjourned the meeting at 2:42 pm.